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## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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### Memorandum

To: State Supervisor, FWS, Ecological Services, Asheville, NC

From: Red Wolf Recovery Coordinator, FWS, Asheville, NC

Subject: Monthly activity report - September 1996

Following are my accomplishments and other items of interest for the month of September 1996.

#### **Northeastern North Carolina Reintroduction, Alligator River and Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuges (ARNWR)**

- ▶ Requested disbursement of \$680 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for a volunteer stipend for the time period of September 16, 1996, through January 20, 1997.

#### **Southern Appalachians Reintroduction, Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP)**

- ▶ Sent a letter to the Supervisor of the GSMNP for co-signature approval and forwarding to the Great Smoky Mountains Natural History Association authorizing payment of \$200 from the red wolf indemnity account for the loss of one sub-adult steer to red wolf depredation.

#### **Captive-breeding Project**

- ▶ Authorized the use of funds under the grant agreement with "The Wilds" for construction of a pen at the Mill Mountain Zoo in Roanoke in lieu of construction of pens at Fossil Rim (where a decision has been made to terminate their participation as a cooperative breeder).

#### **General**

- ▶ Responded to a letter posing several questions about the red wolf that was forwarded to me by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The letter was sent to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation because of their administration of the "Red Wolf Fund."
- ▶ Answered another series of questions, by E-mail to the Washington Office, for response to a request.

- ▶ Mailed information on volunteer activities to a student and forwarded his resume to the field projects for their consideration.
- ▶ Forwarded two "Certificates of Appreciation" for red wolf activities to the Regional Director for signature.
- ▶ Discussed the red wolf, at length, with a college student and provided information for a literature research project.
- ▶ Fulfilled at least five information requests requiring 1 to 27 documents each. Prepared a written response to one, providing additional information on ways to support the red wolf work.
- ▶ Spent considerable time preparing for the "Red Wolf Summit" to be held in October. This included preparing and distributing a draft agenda for the meeting.
- ▶ Manned the FWS information booth at the North Carolina Mountain State Fair for a partial day. Information on the project was disseminated.
- ▶ Took 44 hours of annual leave.

Following is an update of current locations and numbers of animals.

#### A. Wild Population

##### 1. GSMNP

- ▶ An adult female was found dead, apparently due to infection from wounds received in an interaction with another wolf or other animal. An adult male who was last heard from five months ago is now back on the air within the Nantahala National Forest (at a considerable distance from where released).

These changes result in a population of 9 to 30 wolves (5 to 12 males, 4 to 17 females, 0 to 1 unknown), including 9 to 16 adults and yearlings (5 to 7 males, 4 to 8 females, 0 to 1 unknown) and 0 to 14 pups (0 to 5 males, 0 to 9 females).

##### 2. ARNWR

- ▶ A yearling female was found dead, apparently from heart failure as a result of a bacterial infection from wounds received in a possible fight with another animal.

As a result, the population stands at 36 to 70 animals (19 to 30 males, 17 to 27 females, 0 to 13 unknown), including 36 to 68 adults and yearlings (19 to 28 males, 17 to 27 females, 0 to 13 unknown) and 0 to 2 male pups.

Attachment

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cc:

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**LOCATION OF RED WOLVES - SEPTEMBER 30, 1996**

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LOCATION	ADULTS AND YEARLINGS				PUPS				TOTAL			
	Males	Females	Unknown	Total	Males	Females	Unknown	Total	Males	Females	Unknown	Total
16. Henson Robinson Zoo, Springfield, IL	1	1	---	2	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	2
17. Knoxville Zoo, TN	3	1	---	4	---	---	---	---	3	1	---	4
18. Lowry Park Zoo, Tampa, FL	1	2	---	3	---	---	---	---	1	2	---	3
19. Miller Park Zoo, Bloomington, IL	4	---	---	4	---	---	---	---	4	---	---	4
20. Mill Mountain Zoo, Roanoke, VA	2	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	2
21. National Zoo, Washington, DC	1	1	---	2	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	2
22. North Carolina Life and Science Museum, Durham, NC	1	1	---	2	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	2
23. North Carolina Zoological Park, Asheboro, NC	1	8	---	9	---	---	---	---	1	8	---	9
24. Oglebay Zoo, Wheeling, WV	1	1	---	2	2	---	---	2	3	1	---	4
25. Pittsburgh Zoo, PA	2	1	---	3	---	---	---	---	2	1	---	3
26. Racine Zoo, WI	3	---	---	3	---	---	---	---	3	---	---	3
27. Roger Williams Zoo, Providence, RI	---	2	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	2
28. Ross Park Zoo, Binghamton, NY	1	1	---	2	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	2
29. Tallahassee Jr. Museum, FL	1	1	---	2	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	2
30. Texas Zoo, Victoria, TX	1	2	---	3	---	---	---	---	1	2	---	3
31. Trevor Zoo, Millbrook, NY	1	2	---	3	---	---	---	---	1	2	---	3
32. Western North Carolina Nature Center, Asheville, NC	1	2	---	3	2	2	---	4	3	4	---	7
33. Wilds, Columbus, OH	6	6	---	12	---	---	---	---	6	6	---	12
34. Wild Canid Survival and Research Center, Eureka, MO	4	5	---	9	---	---	---	---	4	5	---	9
35. Woodlands Nature Center, Land Between the Lakes, Golden Pond, KY	1	1	---	2	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	2
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	87	88	---	175	4	2	---	6	91	90	---	181
<b>TOTAL</b>	117-128	114-128	0-14	231-270	4-11	2-11	---	6-22	121-139	116-139	0-14	237-292